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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: DULLIEN et al

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For: Process And Device For Eliminating The Particles Contained
In A Stream Of Fluid

Group: 1724

Examiner: Bushey, C.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner
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August 30, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the election of species requirement in the outstanding office action, applicants elect the species identified by the Examiner as species E, i.e., Figures 6a and 6b. It is submitted claims 1 - 4, 7 - 10 and 13 are readable on the elected species. It is noted the Examiner has indicated that, currently, claim 1 appears to be generic.

Examination of the elected species in due course is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus.

LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.34893VV3), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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